

**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY DELHI
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH
OLD SECRETARIAT: DELHI-110054**

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CIRCULAR

Sub: Implementation of Uniform Age of Admission of 6+ in Class- 1 and Restructuring of the Foundational Stage (Effective from Academic Session 2026-27 onwards).

The Directorate of Education, GNCT of Delhi intends to implement the provisions of NEP 2020 and the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009 relating to restructuring of Foundational Stage and concerning minimum age criteria of 6+ years for Class I.

Accordingly, all the Heads of Government, Government-Aided, and Recognized Unaided Private Schools under the Directorate of Education (DoE), GNCTD are hereby informed regarding revised directions for Foundational Stage and Implementation of Uniform Age of Admission of 6+ in Class- 1. The directions are as under:

1. Restructuring of the Foundational Stage (Effective from Academic Session 2026-27):

The foundational stage admission is to be regulated as per NEP structure and will be reorganized to include three years of pre-primary education before Class- 1. The following age criteria will be implemented for these classes:

Class	Age of admission
Nursery (Bal Vatika/ Preschool 1)	3+ years
Lower KG (Bal Vatika/ Preschool 2)	4+ years
Upper KG (Bal Vatika/ Preschool 3)	5+ years

Note: The nomenclature of the Pre-Primary Classes (Nursery, Lower KG, Upper KG) is flexible and may be revised as deemed necessary.

2. Age Criteria for admission to Class- 1:

A child may be admitted to Class I only upon completion of 6 years of age from Academic Session 2026-27 onwards.


Detailed directions regarding the implementation of the above measures will be shared with schools subsequently in due course of time.

To make the process more inclusive and participatory, it is essential to provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to contribute their inputs and suggestions regarding various aspects of the mechanism being developed.

In this context, all stakeholders including teachers, parents, students, School Management Committees, educational institutions, school associations, professionals, subject experts, scholars and members of the general public are cordially invited to share their valuable inputs and suggestions for implementation.

Submissions may be sent to **schoolbranchnep@gmail.com** on or before 10th July 2025.

This circular supersedes all previous communications and circulars issued in relation to the subject matter under consideration.


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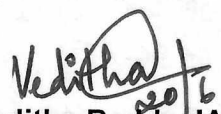
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1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE.
3. PA to Secretary (Education).
4. PPS to Director (Education).
5. Director (Education) of MCD for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
6. Director (Education) of NDMC for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
7. CEO of Delhi Cantonment Board for information and further necessary action in the matter accordingly.
8. PS to Addl. DE (School).
9. All RDEs, DDEs (District/Zone) to ensure compliance.
10. DDE (ASB & PSB) to issue similar directions.
11. System Analyst (MIS) for uploading on MIS.
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